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1. On 3 February 1949 Vice Premier WU T'ieh-ch'eng stated that the current press reports that the Chinese Government will return from Canton to Nanking are unreliable. Leaders of the Legislative and Control Yuans were willing to return, but the Executive Yuan refused.
2. WU indicated that the refusal was inspired by the Generalissime, who fears that the return of the Government to Nanking would make it possible for Acting President LI Tsung-jen to conclude peace negotiations. [REDACTED] 25X1A6a Comment. This appears to be further evidence of the Generalissimo's determination to maintain control as long as possible, and his reluctance to abandon the fight against the Communists.)

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